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Six Word Story Contest Winners Announced

Nearly 150 stories from writers of all ages were submitted to the local Six Word Story contest inspired by Ernest Hemingway.

There's a literary legend that while having dinner with fellow writers of the famous Algonquin Round Table in New York City, Hemingway bet he could write a story in just six words. They bet not. He grabbed a pen and a napkin and wrote: *"For Sale: baby shoes, never worn."* They paid up and Hemingway called it his best work.

Sherwood Public Library has held this Six Word Story contest for three years, with the tradition of announcing the winners during National Library Week.

This year's winners are:

- First prize to Jeff Barker for "A tattered leash hung unused, forgotten."
- Second place goes to Kevin Hewitt for "Smoke rose from the deserted island."
- Third place spot goes to Jeff Kershner for "Drunk, Keys in hand. Walking home."

Big thanks to this year's judges: Ray Pitz, Pamplin Press reporter; Tammy Steffens, City of Sherwood Volunteer Coordinator; and Elizabeth Beechwood, Forest Grove author. Prizes included magnetic poetry sets, Friends of Sherwood Library tote bags, and many other goodies to keep our local writers inspired.

Look for a display at Sherwood Public Library of the winners and honorable mentions, along with many other displays honoring how libraries transform their communities, in honor of National Library Week, April 10-16.

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